

The Derry Fire Department

Derry, New Hampshire



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The voters of Derry Depot Village realizing the need of a regularly organized fire department and an outlined fire district, petitioned the selectmen at the March town meeting in 1883 to proceed according as the law directed to designate bounds for said district, and make other necessary arrangements; Accordingly the town voted the sum of \$3000.00 for the purpose of expenses and equipment when the district should be so laid out and the officers duly elected. W. W. Poor and Luther C. Stevens were the two members of the board of selectmen whose names appear in the transactions of that year. The selectmen were authorized to expend the money as required. A petition, headed by L. H. Pillsbury, and 33 others was handed to the selectmen asking for a lay out of a fire district. Responding to this petition the selectmen laid out the district, which has been somewhat enlarged since that time by votes of the district.

On May 30, 1883, the first meeting of the fire district of Derry Depot was held. Miner G. Frye was elected moderator; William D. White, clerk; and Tappan R. Robie, Cyrus O. Buttrick and Randolph R. Merrick, firewards.

It was voted to call the district the Derry Depot Fire District.

At a subsequent meeting a committee consisting of R. R. Merrick, Hiram C. Mathews and Warren P. Horne was chosen to make investigation as to the probable cost of an engine, hose, engine house, cisterns and a water supply for the district. At an adjourned meeting this committee reported and their report was accepted, and they proceeded with the business of purchasing the equipment and building the engine house. On July 4, 1883, the new engine was first tested and proved very satisfactory.

May 27, 1885, a volunteer fire department was organized, with a membership of 51 men.

April 12, 1886, the pay of the firemen was increased from \$3.00 to \$5.00 a year.

At a special meeting held November 2, 1889, made necessary by the neglect of the officers to call a regular meeting in the spring, J. F. Coburn was elected moderator; L. H. McIntire, clerk; James Priest, treasurer; and Royal G. Sawyer, Benj. F. Wilson and F. E. Norcross, firewards.

On April 10, 1891, the town water service having been put in, the fire district voted to authorize the firewards, L. H. McIntire, Charles H. Gordon and Clinton L. Nason, to sell the hand tub, windmill, and any or all property of the district used in connection with the old system of fire protection.

April 14, 1892, it was voted to pay the firemen 30 cents an hour when in actual service at fires.

On April 13, 1898, the district voted to buy land on the Jenkins lot and erect an engine house the estimated cost of which was \$3,900.00. The district appropriated \$4,000.00 for the purpose. Alden G. Kelley, Converse H. Abbott and Herbert E. Sanders were firewards.

March 31, 1903, it was voted to buy two horses, and a street sprinkler. Heretofore horses had been obtained from nearby stables when needed for hauling the apparatus to a fire.

March 30, 1904, the district voted to pay the firemen \$50.00 per year for their services.

March 31, 1909, it was voted to change the name of the Derry Depot Fire District to the Derry Fire District.

March 29, 1915, the district voted to buy a combination hose and chemical auto truck. The firewards, Willis F. Chase, H. E. Bidwell and E. P. Chaplin, and E. P. Trowbridge, William Neller and C. S. Emerson were appointed the committee to make such a purchase as in their judgment was necessary and expedient. The sum of \$7,000.00 was raised for the purchase of the truck.

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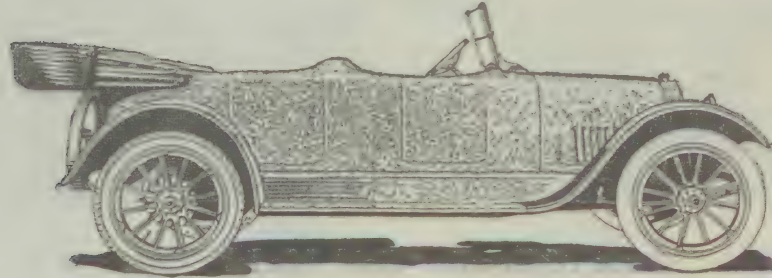
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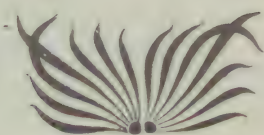
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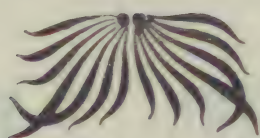
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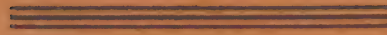
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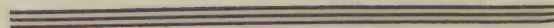
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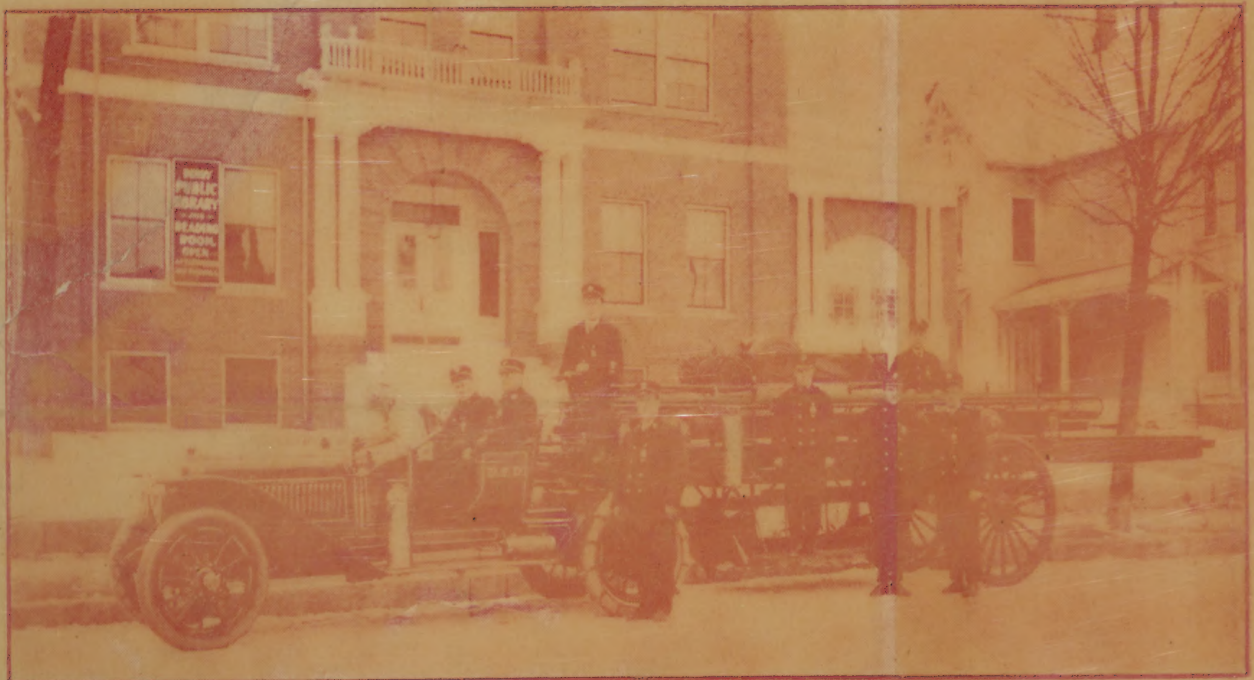
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